

Dear Fcc et al,

This is a “reply” in which I wish to explain the desire for and value of a Low Power FM capability for a Village the size of Mendon. I have a professional career – I teach 35 miles away at a University – but as part of this small community I also produce the local newspaper – which is a MONTHLY that is really all that can be justified. The news tends to be “under the radar” i.e. things that even the daily newspapers and radios in the two largest cities in the county would never carry. I rarely even carry sports because the news is too old. Yet Villages such as Mendon have a local life, the web of local clans’ births, deaths, and achievements, that make a community. The value of a radio station to keep that web together is inestimable.

Further, we have the wherewithal and infrastructure to manage a radio station – ham and other radio skills, and equipment. A live radio show at the local coffee shop in the morning and afternoon would be listened to widely, since it is the way in which a community based on conversation works anyway.

Please, please appreciate the value of granting that sort of licensing to public and local entities. Radio has deteriorated so badly in the last decades. The existence of LPFM opportunities is such a great possibility.

I hope you consider how small burgs such as my own could benefit from local radio. I have lived here 30 years and done school board, public service sorts of things through that time, as have many in this and similar towns. This would be a wonderful tool for making the Village life better.

Sincerely,

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